

NOTICES OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS

The Administrative Procedure Act requires the publication of substantive policy statements issued by agencies (A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(14)). Substantive Policy Statements are written expressions which inform the general public of an agency's current approach to rule or regulation practice. Substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents which may only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties in accordance with A.R.S. Title 41.

NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

1. Subject of the substantive policy statement and the substantive policy statement number by which the policy statement is referenced:

Livestock Inspection - SP 02-01

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the issuance date:

Issued: April 29, 2002

3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statement:

Substantive policy SP 02-01 advises the agricultural industry and the public of the effective date of a revised policy of livestock inspection during the current budgetary crisis, and pending a revision to A.R.S. § 3-1203(D) that will allow development of a mandatory livestock self-inspection program by rule.

The following inspections performed by Arizona Department of Agriculture Livestock Officers and Livestock Inspectors are waived under the Director's authority at A.R.S. § 3-1203(C):

- Inspection of livestock prior to intrastate movement (A.R.S. § 3-1332(A))
- Inspection of cattle prior to interstate movement from either a feedlot or dairy (A.R.S. § 3-1332(A))
- Inspection of sheep prior to interstate movement (A.R.S. § 3-1332(A))
- Inspection of livestock as to ownership (A.R.S. § 3-1334(A))
- Inspection before livestock are to be slaughtered, sold or transported, except for animals sent to an exempt slaughter facility (A.R.S. § 3-1336(A)). [Beef Council fees are still payable to the Department]

EXCEPTION: THE IN-STATE PRIVATE TREATY SALE OR INTERSTATE MOVEMENT OF CATTLE, OTHER THAN FROM A FEEDLOT OR DAIRY OPERATION, REQUIRES A BRAND INSPECTION BY AN ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EMPLOYEE.

- Inspection of equine before shipment to an auction or slaughter (A.R.S. § 3-1336(D))

The following paperwork will not be required:

- Duplicate record of inspection as previously required under the above-cited inspections (A.R.S. § 3-1341(A))
- Seasonal inspection certificates (A.R.S. § 3-1346(A))

Persons currently licensed under the existing self-inspection rules are to continue to operate under existing rules, including use of self-inspection books and payment of self-inspection fees.

4. A statement as to whether the substantive policy statement is a new statement or a revision:

New policy statement

5. The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom questions and comments about the substantive policy statement may be directed:

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6. Information about where a person may obtain a copy of the substantive policy statement and the costs for obtaining the policy statement:

Copies may be obtained from the rules specialist listed in item #5. The first 20 pages of a document are copied free, additional copies are 25¢ per page, postage, if necessary, is additional.